To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1944 without my signature.

This bill would allow schools to receive funding for time when students are volunteering as an elections precinct board member. While civic and other volunteer activities can offer many educational opportunities to students, these activities should be in addition to, and not in place of, valuable classroom learning time with a teacher.

For this reason, I am unable to sign this measure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger